

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An escrow accommodation system adapted for deployment in the offices of
5 brokers, mortgage companies, lending institutions and title insurers to facilitate remote
video-conferencing of potential buyers and sellers with independent escrow agents. The
system includes a first client subsystem disposed in a first office. The first client
subsystem includes a microprocessor, software running on the microprocessor for
facilitating an escrow arrangement, a camera coupled to the microprocessor, and a display
10 coupled to the computer. A second client subsystem is provided in a second office. The
second client subsystem includes a microprocessor, software running on the
microprocessor for facilitating an escrow arrangement, a camera coupled to the
microprocessor, and a display coupled to the microprocessor. The first and second client
subsystems are connected via a network. In the illustrative embodiment, the software
15 includes code for receiving customer escrow data and displaying a list of escrow
companies. In various alternative embodiments, the list is customized based on user data
and/or broker data. As taught herein, the software includes code for establishing a video-
conference between the first client and the second client via the network. The network
may be either a public network such as the Internet or a private or virtually private
20 network. The software further includes code for facilitating an escrow opening meeting
online. Code is also included for running customized applications based on input from an
escrow agent, a customer, a broker or other third party.